PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our recent Board Meeting at Leesburg it was evident that a large number of our representatives were extremely anxious to find the best solution to the problems which have developed during the shows of the past season. We all are aware that there were two causes for these complications, first daylight saving time and the so-called speed judging plan.

It is fair to say that if daylight saving time becomes effective the coming season every show committee should without hesitation adopt the show time schedule adjusting our regular time schedules the full hour to avoid the many embarrasing situations caused by the fact that hibiscus bloom do not agree with the hour earlier handling. We still will have the same old early hour problems of the past but at least they will not be more difficult by the extra hours.

The new judging plan has both advantages and disadvantages and should be thoroughly studied by each show committee before using it so the full advantage can be realized. Special equipment and a lot of space is required.

Full agreement was evident that new and improved methods must be developed at once for use in the handling of seedlings in our shows the coming season. Failure to do this

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THIRD QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

The third quarterly board meeting will be held on February 17th and 18th in Tampa, Florida. The headquarters hotel will be the Hillsboro as it has in the past. Make your reservations direct to the Hillsboro as soon as possible. Rates are as follows:
$12.00 twin; $10.50 double; $8.00 single.

The evening session will get under way at 8:30 p.m. with President Philo presiding. Committee reports will take up most of the evening session.

The morning session will be called to order Sunday morning shortly after 9 a.m. and will continue until all items of business has been disposed of. If any officer or member wishes time on the agenda please get in touch with the Executive Secretary immediately so time can be allocated.

All board members are urged to attend. The board consists of the President, First & Second Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Executive Secretary, International Nomenclature Co-ordinator, and elected Directors. In addition to these officers all the Past Presidents and Chapter Presidents or Alternate are recognized as delegates to attend the board meetings and have voting powers with the elected board.

All members of the American Hibiscus Society are welcome to attend the board meetings, and are encouraged to do so. They may speak on any of the subjects before the board, but only those listed in the foregoing paragraph are entitled to a vote.

DON'T FORGET TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AT ONCE